



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, GUNTER HARNISCH, ROLF HERRMANN, ANDREAS HULTSCH and HARRY THONIG, hereby declare that we are citizens of Germany and residents of Königsbrück, Sohland and Neukirch, respectively, and that our Post Office Addresses are Seitenpfad 4a, D-01936 Königsbrück, Germany; Hauptstrasse 64, D-02689 Sohland, Germany; Georgenbadstrasse 22, D-01904 Neukirch, Germany; and Wilthener Strasse 3, D-01904 Neukirch, Germany, respectively; that we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LASER CUTTING SHEET METAL PARTS

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).


We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

WITNESS our hands and seals this day of , 2003.

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